Automobile News and Gossip of Interest

SHOWS GROWTH OF AUTOMOBILE TRADE

R. C. Smith, of Overland-Washington Company, Proves Expansion of Industry.

By HARRY WARD.

"There are still some people who insist that the automobile industry is a mushroom growth, subject to the slightest variations in business conditions, and likely to take a fatal slump on short notice," remarked R. C. Smith, secretary of the Overland-Washington Motor Com-

Mr. Smith had just read a report made by a committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce

"To such people," continued Smith, "I can say only one thing-read that report. There is enough information in that single document to set at rest the fears of even the most confirmed pessi-mist. The information is backed by intable evidence of figures, too. disputable evidence of figures, too.

The report shows that approximately \$600,000,000 will be spent in this country during 1914, for automobiles. The developments of past years show that the percentage of buyers who cannot afford to purchase cars is so small as to be unimportant. In view of this fact the total shows a pretty good refutation of the claim that any money that might better be spent for brend is going into

The State of California has an auto. "The State of California has an auto-mobile to every twenty-five inhabitants. New York State alone has more cars registered than are in use in Germany and France combined, and both these countries have always been regarded as pioneers in the production of automo-biles.

biles.

"There are hundreds of other comparisons that could be made showing that hundreds of thousands of people throughout the country are making a better living out of the automobile industry than they could otherwise hope for. Still, some of the professional gloomers' claim they can see rocks ahead. It is to laugh."

Electric Association Names Committees

E. S. Marlow, chairman of the Washngton section of the Electric Vehicle Association of America has named the fellowing committees: Papers and program, John J. Bartram, Bartram Garage, One should hairman; A. L. Dixon, General Vehicle perience as a teacher. Company; C. R. Erkman, Anderson Elec tric Car Company; C. M. Marsh, Potomac Electric Power Company. Attendance and publicity, Joseph M. Stoddard, Cook & Stoddard Company, chairman; Arthur Foraker, Potomac Motor Car Company; C. M. Marsh. Operating statistics, Barry Mulligan, Bureau of Standards, chairman; George T. Simpson, Woodward & Lothrop: H. B. Hart, Jr. Potomac Electric Power Company, Membership, J. A. Sterrett, Starrett & Fleming, Ichairman; R. B. Emerson Emerson & Orme. Reception, James W. Orme, Emierson & Orme, chairman; George Weaver, Cook & Stoddard Company; E. W. Mollohan, Storage Battery & Equipment Company, Garage, H. A. Brooks, Potomac Electric Power Company, chairman; C. E. Slaybaugh, Fidelity Storage Company; Otto Jacobi, Dupont Garage; George D. Hardesty, Philadelphia Storage Battery Company. tric Car Company; C. M. Marsh, Poto-

Furnishes Free Air.

age Battery Company.

In order to furnish motor car owners with free air for their tires, the Firewith free air for their tires, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company has
established a free air station in front
of its branch store, at \$2 Fourteenth
street. An Alis-Chalmers compressor
nump has been installed and gives a
constant supply of air to those who may
need it in their tires. The pump starts
up automatically at 100 pounds and
stops automatically at 125 pounds, thus
preventing the user from getting too
much inflation.

Prominent Cadillac Buyers

Dr. Loren Johnson and W. A. Hill, real estate dealers, are the latest purhasers of Cadillac cars. The former purchased a landaulet coupe and the latter secured a roadster. Both cars were delivered this week by the Cook & Stoddard Company

MOTOR CAR MEN BUY DETROIT ELECTRICS

Washington Agent Says Best Known Men in Automobile Industry Use Them.

"It is an interesting fact," said W. R. Enterson, of Emerson & Orme, Washington agents for Detroit electrics. "that some of the best known men in the automobile industry are owners of Detroit electrics.

"Henry Ford has owned three Detroits, and it is the only make of electric he has ever driven. Thomas A. Edison the electrical wizard, also has owned three cars of this make, his latest being a Detroit electric brougham presented to him several weeks ago by Henry Ford.

"These are only two of many men of national prominence in the motor of national prominence in the motor car world, who after thorough inves-tigation have purchased Detroit elec-trics. Some of these critical owners include Henry B. Joy, president of the Packard Motor Car Company; James Ccuzens, treasurer, Ford Motor Com-pany; W. C. Leland, Cadillac Motor Car Company; Lee Counselman, former Car Company; Lee Counselman, former president of Washington and now vice president of the Chalmers Motor Company; Charles J, Butler, president Morgan & Wright Company; J. Frank Duryea, vice president Stevens-Duryea Automobile Company; Howard Marron, president of the Nordyke & Mormen Company; J. Walter Drake, vice president Hupp Motor Car Company, and George Dunham, chief engineer of the Chalmers Motor Car Company.

"The fact that these men, who are "The fact that these men, who are widely known in the automobile world, have selected the Detroit electric is concrete proof that the Detroit electric is of satisfactory design."

Every Automobile Has Its Own Peculiarities

Purchasers of cars should bear in mind the fact that every car has a disecultarities.

with the field artillery is being made at you are not entirely familiar, it is advisable to obtain from the maker a book of instructions and digest this carefully. A little study about the particular features of your car, with which you are not entirely familiar, will often obviate unnecessary expense and delay. One should not always depend upon experience as a teacher.

Nine Overland Cars Sold.

During the past week the Overland-Washington Motor Company sold Over-land cars to the following: James Thatcher, E. P. Mertz, B. E. Hinton, Richard Buhler, Dr. J. W. Pollock, A. E. Beitzel, John Smithdeal, William Mes-sink, and Myers Brothers.

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body. 1911 4-pass. Chalmers "40" touring. Rauch & Lang electric roadster. Baker electric coupe. Waverly electric Stanhope.

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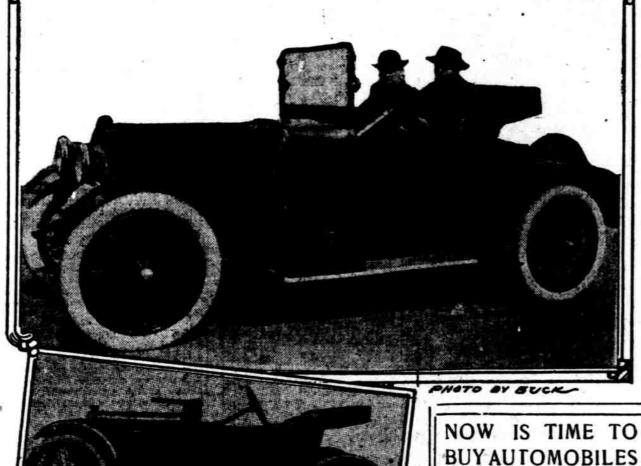
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Sottom_The New SAXON Small Car, Agency For Which Has Been Placed With Zell Motor Car Company, and First Shipment of Which Was Received Here This Week.

Army Gives Field Test

A thorough test of the practicability position. Each make of car has its own of motorcycles for use in connection with the field artillery is being made at

cost and general adaptability to arm To Motorcycle Artillery haps mean that many of the army post throughout the country will be equipped with motorcycles.

Startles Sweden.

In its division of the big annual win ter cross-country race which forms an The machines will be given a year's trial under all sorts of conditions, at the end of which time a report will be made to the War Department as to the efficiency of the two-wheeler, its

Prizes of \$12,400 Hung Up in Competition by French Association.

Soveral competitions have been held broad which had for their object the development of a fuel to take the place of gasolene, and thus far no really satisfactory substitutes have been found. A prize of \$10,000 was offered recently in England for a gasolene substitute, but of thirty-seven plans submitted in the competition none were found fearible and the prize offer was discon-

Word comes from abroad that the Automobile Club of France plans to hold a competition similar in some respects to the one held in England. The club purposes to hold a series of tests of kerosene engines commencing next October with prizes which will aggregate \$12,400.

It will not be a carbureter test, as it is designed to demonstrate the fuel consumption, usefulness, etc., of four cylinder engines of the automobile type rating between twenty and thirty horse-power. The conditions of the contest specify that engines can be started on gasolene, provided this fuel is not contained in a tank which forms part of the equipment.

Another novel test abroad is one which has for its object a substitute for a rubber tire for motor trucks. It is being conducted by the Austrian ministry of war, and a prize of \$10,000 is offered. It will not be a carbureter test, as

Ford Makes 24,621 Cars in One Month

The productive capacity of American automobile factories is illustrated by the new record hung up by the Ford Motor Company. More than 1.000 fin-ished cars a day for twenty-four consecutive working days was the new record hung up during February by the Ford company. February shattered all previous production records of the com-Many Ford Cars Sold Here

During this month 24,621 cars were built and shipped. This excelled the figures for January, itself a recordsmashing month, when 23,328 were built and shipped to Ford branches and agents throughout the world.

Robert Sharp Resigns.

Many Ford Cars Sold fiere

Miller Brothers report the sale of
Ford cars to the following: Touring cars,
A. C. Thour, Miss Florence B. Culver,
W. Allen Griffith, Dr. Philip Roy, Mrs.
M. W. Henderson, George E. Tew, John
F. May, Miss Minnie E. Newton, Dr. E.
E. Smith, Miss Effe C. Ryon, Ira S.
Weil, William A. Greer, W. W. Neligan,
T. E. Hedekin, R. H. Norton, Howard A.
Coombs, F. S. Rutter and F. B. Middleton. Runabouts—Dr. T. Edward Jones,
Dr. T. A. Poole, J. T. O'Brien, Charles Coombs, F. S. Rutter and F. B. Middleton. Runabouts—Dr. T. Edward Jones, Dr. T. A. Poole, J. T. O'Brien, Charles N. Soran, J. F. Kelchner. Dr. Mary Holmes, Dr. A. L. Stavely. Delivery wagon to Dupont Flower Shop.

Robert Sharp, who has traveled Virginia for the Washington branch of the Buick Motor Company for several years; has resigned. He will open an automobile salesroom in Bristol, Va., and will handle the Buick line.

Dealers to Hold Meeting.

A meeting of the Washington Automo-

Fr. Daugherty Buys Car. Father G. W. Daugherty, of Cathol bile Dealers' Association will be held University, this week purchased a Stude-baker "35" coupe from the Commercial baker "35" coupe from the Commercial



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It is equivalent to what their advice would be if you were able to take them with you as you examine electric cars and choose the one you will buy.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison are only two of many men of national prominence in the automobile world, who after thorough investigation have purchased Detroit Electric cars. A partial list of these critical owners includes:

Henry B. Joy, President Packard Motor Car Co. C. J. Moore, Operating Mgr. Packard Motor Car Co. C. H. Wills, Factory Mgr., Ford Motor Co.

Lee Counselman, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr. Chalmers Motor Co. Geo. W. Dunham, Chief Eng., Chalmers Motor Co.

J. Frank Duryea, Vice-Pres. and Factory Mgr. Stevens-Duryea Automobile Co. Howard Marmon, President Nordyke & Marmon Co. 8. J. Kuqua, Vice-Pres. Cole Motor Car Co.

J. Walter Drake, President Hupmobile Motor Car Co. Gilbert W. Lee, Director Lozier Motor Co. Charles J. Butler, President

Morgan & Wright Co.

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The Car of the Year

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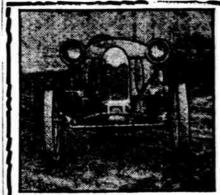
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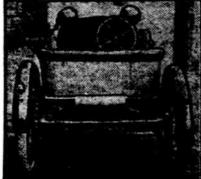
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